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SUBJECT: KUWAIT SIGNS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE  
SUPPRESSION OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

REF: KUWAIT 1069

1. (U) According to press reports, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah signed on September 16 the International Convention for the Suppression of Actions of Nuclear Terrorism. Kuwait was the 60th UN member state to sign the new treaty. The FM reaffirmed Kuwait's commitment to fighting terrorism and said, "Our signature of the agreement is a reflection of the belief of Kuwait that the phenomenon of terrorism has been planted in our Islamic world to offend Islam and Muslims."

2. (U) Kuwait has already signed and ratified 11 of the 12 international conventions and protocols which represent a framework for international cooperation and action against terrorism. The GOK is still reviewing the 1999 Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

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